# Betting Basics 

## Some essentials to get you started with making a wager.

1 How to wager
Place your bet by visiting a teller, or using a self-serve terminal.

## To place a bet here are just 5 things you need to know:

1 Name of racetrack (choose from any track in the simulcast feeds)
2 Number of the race
3 Amount of your bet (e.g. \$2)
4 Type of bet (see step 2)
5 Horse's number (see step 4)
Once you have decided what you want to bet, head to the nearest seller's window and use the sample statement as your guide:

Hello, (Racetrack), race 6, \$2 to WIN on Horse \#4

## How to use a self-serve terminal:

1 Swipe your Cash Card/Insert Cash
2 Enter the initial PIN \#1234 (then choose a new PIN)
3 Press/Tap the track you would like to bet: (defaults to current race)
4 Tap the Horse Number: \#4
5 Press/Tap the Bet Type: WIN
6 Press/Tap the Bet Amount: \$2
7 Press/Tap the Race Number: Race \#6
8 Press Green "Make BET" button
9 Press/Tap the "Finish with Receipt" button
10 Be sure to check your ticket to confirm it's the bet you wanted
To get a Cash Card or for assistance ask a teller, or a staff member.

## 2 Types of bets

Single horse bets (minimum $\$ 2.00$ bet is required)

| Bet type | Level of difficulty | Explanation and expectation |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Win | UU | Your horse must finish 1st; payoff determined by the win odds. |
| Place | SU | Your horse must finish 1st or 2nd; payoffs better than to show. |
| Show | U | Your horse must finish 1st, 2nd, or 3rd; modest payoffs. |

## Exotic multiple-horse bets

| Bet type | Level of difficulty | Explanation and expectation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Exacta* | $\cup \cup \cup$ | Your horses must finish 1st and 2nd in exact order; riskier bet that can pay a little or a lot, depending on the horses' odds. |
| Daily double | UUUU | Pick the winners of two designated consecutive races. |
| Pick 3, Win 4, <br> Pick 5, Pick 6 | $\cup \cup \cup U U$ | Select the winners of a designated set of consecutive races. The wager must be made prior to the start of the first race in the multi-race wager. |
| Triactor* | $\cup \cup \cup \cup$ | Your horses must finish 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in exact order; can be expensive to play if you use a lot of horses. |
| Superfecta* | UUUUUUU | Your horses must finish 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th; big payoff possible. |

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## 3 Choosing your horse

## How to read the program



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Red ${ }_{B \subset 3}$. Mach Three-Wheres The Beach-Beach Towel

All of the numbers and letters in the program might seem confusing or overwhelming at first, but focusing on these sections makes choosing a horse simple.

1 Horse's number in the race
2 Horse's post position colour
3 Horse's colour, sex, age,sire (father), dam (mother), sire of the dam
4 Morning line odds
5 Horse's name
6 Driver and Driver Record (Name, \# of wins, \# of 2nds, \# of 3rds, winning \%)

| Tr. Brent MacGrath (9-8--0.0.950) Schooner Stables, Bible Hill, NS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
|  |  | Breeder: Stephanie Smith, OH |
| $12^{33 / 4}$ | $1{ }^{4}$ |  |
| 1114 | $1{ }^{13 / 4}$ |  |
| $11^{3 / 4}$ | $1{ }^{13 / 4}$ | 1:1492 $27 \begin{array}{lllll} & 27 & 27 & 274\end{array}$ |
|  | $12^{23 / 4}$ |  |
| $13 / 4$ | $2{ }^{1 k^{4}}$ | $\begin{array}{lllllll}1: 47 & 26^{2} & 25^{2} & 27^{2} & 27^{4}\end{array}$ |
| $12^{1} / 4$ | $141 / 2$ | $1: 148^{3} 277^{1} 277^{4} 27^{1} 266^{2}$ |

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 PMacDnll BMacGrth *os Somebechsmwhr KeystonHrt DecSlstr 8 PMacDill BMacGrth *os Somebechsmwhr Keystonhrt ThMhgnPn 6 PMacDill BMacGrth *10 ArtOffcl Somebeahsmwhr SharThDight 9 PMacDill BMacGrth *20 Somebeachsomwhr ArtOffcl BadllndsNtr 8

7 Trainer information
8 Horse's Lifetime record (with best win time, track size, track, age, lifetime wins and lifetime earnings)
9 Horse's current record (\# of races, \# wins, \# of 2nds, \# of 3rds, and money earned)

## 4 The odds

Odds are also important to consider when choosing your horse. Horses that are thought to have a better chance of winning will typically have lower odds.

## Morning line odds

Odds listed in the race program are the "morning line" odds. These are predictions of how the public will bet on the race. They are set by the track's handicapper when the race program is published, before the wagering starts.

The actual odds will be posted on the Television or in-field on the Tote Board before the race; they change up until post time, depending on how customers are betting on each horse in the race.

## Calculating a \$2 win prize

To calculate a win prize, find the Odds of a horse on the Television or Tote Board (in-field board).

Multiply the first number by 2, then divide that number by the second digit (if there is one), and then add $\$ 2$. Simple as that!

| Odds | $1 / 2$ | $2 / 1$ | $7 / 2$ | $5 / 1$ | $10 / 1$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pays | $\$ 3.00$ | $\$ 6.00$ | $\$ 9.00$ | $\$ 12.00$ | $\$ 22.00$ |

## Helpful facts for betting

- Some racetracks have a television simulcast commentator who tries to identify winning horses (handicaps) between the races. Listen and see if you can pick up any good tips to bet on.
- A good betting method is to choose horses with current odds two to three times higher than their morning line odds.

3 Tips to remember
WIN BETS on the FAVOURITE pay 32\% of the time
PLACE BETS on the FAVOURITE pay 53\% of the time SHOW BETS on the FAVOURITE pay 67\% of the time

* Numbers listed above are approximate, may vary by racetrack.

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[^0]:    * Exotic bets require the horses to finish in the EXACT order you select, unless you "BOX" the bet, in which case your selections can finish in any order. For more information visit ONTARIORACING.com

